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14.24.010 Prohibited generally.

It is unlawful for any person to set, place, keep or maintain any pole, post, fence or like obstruction upon or along any public highway, road, street, avenue, lane, alley, trail, curb ramp or sidewalk in the city, except as designated in this chapter.

14.24.020 Telephone poles.

Telephone poles shall be set along the pole line, with the face of the pole nearest the center of the street, one foot toward the property line from the curblane or in that area designated for utilities.

14.24.030 Electric light poles.

Electric light or other poles for carrying electric current for commercial purposes shall be set in the same manner as telephone poles, one foot from the curblane or in that area designated for utilities.

14.24.040 City permission required when.

No telephone, electric light or other pole used for support of wires carrying electric current shall be set on any public highway in the city without permission or a grant of right-of-way therefor being first obtained from the city.

14.24.050 Mailboxes.

Posts or structures for carrying or holding mailboxes shall be set either along the tree or pole line defined above for a sufficient distance back of the curblane so as not to obstruct the street, highway, sidewalk or curb ramp traffic.

14.24.060 Fences.

Fence posts may be set along a fenceline, which is designated as the distance from the center of any highway not less than half the surveyed and platted width of the highway; no public highway in the city being regarded as surveyed and platted less than 50 feet in width. It is unlawful to place or maintain any fence or building the face of which is nearer the center of any highway than the line designated as the fenceline.

14.24.070 Posts on property abutting public highway.

It is unlawful to set, place or maintain any telephone, electric light or current poles, trees, mail, sign or other posts, except as provided in this chapter, upon property abutting on any public highway in the city, at a point nearer to the fenceline than a line centering one foot therefrom on the side farthest from the center of the highway; and it is unlawful to set or maintain any sign or other post at a point nearer the centerline than one-half foot from the outside of the outer limit of any alley or lane.

14.24.080 Reservation of poles for city use.

It is provided that any grant or permission hereafter given to set telephone or electric light poles upon any of the public highways in the city, shall be made subject to the reservation, whether or not the reservation is specifically set forth in the grant or permission, that wherever the city shall deem it necessary for the public good or service, the city shall have the right to place crossarms on the poles, and to string one set of wires thereon, for furnishing electric light and current to the city, and to

use and operate the same during the period of such grant or permission, with reasonable regard for the rights of the grantee.

14.24.090 Violation deemed obstruction.

It is the duty of the department to treat as obstructions to public highways, all poles, posts, fences or other obstructions set or placed in violation of the terms of this chapter.